



# DHUPGURI GIRLS' COLLEGE

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### BEST PRACTICE I

#### 1. Title of the Practice: Social Service and Outreach SAMAJIKSANGJAL

**2. The context:** The College, built after the vision and mission of imparting holistic education to young women of the margins, has always believed in imparting a learning program where students are able to embed the knowledge acquired with their lived community practices. The college strives to create a holistic space of learning beyond classrooms through community-based environmental practices and outreach efforts. In this process, young minds are trained to become the torchbearers of social change. Students here receive an inclusive value-based training that is not limited to dissemination and acquisition of knowledge, or setting up and achieving career goals. They are taught the immense value of giving back to society in all possible forms, beginning early with their induction to the various kinds of outreach programmes organized variously by the College, IQAC and the NSS units. The twin pledges of “Be and Make” (College Motto), and “Me and You” (NSS Motto), gear the students towards selfless social service.

**3. Objectives:** The outreach programmes are becoming increasingly relevant in today’s world, where children, often products of nuclear families, are taught to focus solely on themselves, expected to excel in every sphere, and become more and more self centered as they join the rat race of cut throat competition. The fiercely competitive society is creating a youth blinkered to everything other than self-betterment, self-aggrandizement, and self-promotion, with little concern for the larger society. The outreach programmes try to steer the younger generation away from the self-centeredness, inculcate a strong sense of social responsibility and empathy, and direct them towards creating a society based on equality and inclusiveness. The college strives to create a holistic space of learning beyond classrooms through community-based environmental practices and outreach efforts. In this process, young minds are trained to become the torchbearers of social change. India in its march towards ‘Atmanirbharta’, is faced with a unique set of challenges having to manage imperatives of development and pressures of inclusive environment. College has therefore employed for Institution-Community synthesis through proactively adopting strategic methods of social outreach.

**4. The Practice:** The college, located in the margins of the city has quite a few underprivileged neighbourhoods around its vicinity.

The following Community oriented Programmes are carried out for the benefit of its members:

- Basic Education (for children between 4 and 12 years of age) where the basic needs of the students are taken care of, like books and stationeries, nutritional supplements, taking special classes in English and Yoga



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- Tailoring classes for women from the nearby village
- Charitable dispensary in the College premises, with the facility of free health check-ups by doctors and distribution of medicines during special camps
- Arranging monthly health checks of neighbouring villages from North Bengal Medical College with financial support
- Miscellaneous welfare activities, medical camps, etc. are also conducted around the year
- Every year during festivals, new sarees and garments are distributed among poor local ladies and children. Blankets, umbrellas, shoes, and books and stationeries are also distributed during winter months to the destitute at the roadside.
- Creating consciousness among neighbourhood regarding voting rights, maintaining healthy habitats, and benefits of a sustainable environment
- Providing online training to young women, online for Jobs and Placements through Mission Bhat-Roti where several participants benefit
- Creating consciousness about Menstrual health and awareness among the young women of the neighbourhood

In all these activities, our NSS volunteers are active and carry out the programs with dedication and zeal.

**5. Obstacles faced (if any):** None. Enthusiastic participation and a lot of positive inputs are received from the students.

**6. Impact of the practice:** The strongest impact of the practice can be felt in a survey of the neighbourhood, in the philanthropic activities carried out by the alumni of the institution, both through the Alumni Association, as well as in individual capacities. The institution is proud to have created a large body of self-reliant and free-thinking women, responsible citizens with a strong sense of social duty. Current students coming up with a suggestion to build a Book Bank for their underprivileged juniors, with donated textbooks and reference materials, is yet another evidence of success.

**7. Resources:** Funds, mostly donations from the stakeholders and well-wishers as well as NSS